

Emergency Preparedness and Response Workshop for Faith Leaders Scheduled

(Smyrna) – The Delaware Council of Faith Based Partnerships (DCFBP) will host a half-day workshop on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) offices in Smyrna. The Delaware Citizen Corps, which coordinates activities and training for volunteers during emergencies, is working with the DCFBP to conduct the workshop.

The workshop is scheduled to begin with networking and a luncheon at 11:30am. Delaware Governor Jack Markell, who created the DCFBP through an executive order, will be in attendance and is scheduled to address workshop attendees.

The Reverend David L. Myers, Senior Advisor to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator, and Director, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Center for Faith-based Partnerships, is scheduled to speak to attendees.

Workshop participants will receive an overview of DEMA and its functions during emergency events. Attendees will also be given an overview of Citizen Corps and Citizen Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Other workshop topics include: Individual and Family Preparedness, Preparing Houses of Worship for Emergencies, and Service and Partnership Opportunities.

Members of the DCFBP are appointed by the Governor and Lt. Governor and serve as interfaith volunteers. The Council operates without state funding and partners with government agencies and non-profit groups to address community needs. Currently, the following faiths are represented on the Council: African Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, Episcopalian,

Jewish, Latter-day Saints (Mormon), Muslim, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic.

Interested parties can still register to attend the workshop by email by contacting de.cfbp@gmail.com, or by phoning Flora McConkie (302) 633-4825. There is no fee to attend the workshop. Seating is limited and reservations close on June 16.